(a) whether any arrangement has been made by the Government for providing accommodation for lodging for the Members of the Legislative Council when they have to go to Ernakulam to attend Council meetings or Committee meetings; and if no arrangement has yet been made,

(b) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for providing this in the near future; and, if so,

(c) what it is ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise.

Subordinates of the Medical Department who were once sent out and their re-entertainment.

430. **Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if any subordinate of the Medical Department once sent out of the department has been re-entertained in the same department, and, if so, the name or names of such persons along with the crimes for which they were sent out and the special reason which prompted their re-entertainment?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A. Cheeku, a ward cooly of the General Hospital whose services had been dispensed with from the Hospital seven years ago, has been appointed as a peon in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's Office. As there was nothing recorded against this man, it was considered that his fault was his unsuitability as a ward cooly, and so he was entertained as a peon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this Cheeku the only one who was once dismissed and subsequently re-entertained ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer shows that no one was dismissed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this the only person sent out from service by a previous Medical Officer and re-entertained by the present Medical Officer ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. He was not dismissed.

President.—The question is whether there is any other person.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not to my knowledge.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this Cheeku serving as a private servant under the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, before he became the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. That is the reason why I entertained him.

President.—There is no objection to entertain servants as peons.

The pumping operations near Polakkal in the Trichur Taluk.

431. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there was pumping operations going on at the instance of the Government near Polakkal in the Trichur Taluk in connection with cultivation;

(2) whether it was peremptorily stopped owing to the mistakes of some subordinate of the D. P. W. which led to the escape of most of the water to the sea without the knowledge of the operators;

(3) whether the loss on that account would have come to about Rs. 20,000 or more;

(4) whether it is possible to recover the amount from those concerned, and, if so, any attempts have been made in that direction, together with the progress thereat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) No.

(3) and (4). These questions do not arise in view of the answer to (2) above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did any quantity of water escape to the sea?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—From where?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the Polakkal storage.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not to my knowledge. No water escaped from the Polakkal storage.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Evaporated and then fell as rain into the sea!

President.—That is a natural process.

The assault on a patient by a Medical Officer.

432. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the para under 'Trichur' in the issue of *the Lokaprakasam*, dated 24th January 1927, regarding the kicking of a man who resorted

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